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TFC adds new weight room

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Staff Writer

Strength training has become a popular craze nationwide and Purdue University Calumet is no exception.

There is a new facility now open in the Physical Education building that brings free weight lifting here at PUC to a new level.

The new facility is the first step in the implementation of "Plan 2000" at the K building. "It (Plan 2000) includes three stages of renovation, the first of which was to put in the weight room," said John Friend, Athletic Director.

Two rooms make up this new edition to the Total Fitness Center. Each room contains free weights, weight machines, and other strength-training tools. This new addition takes the place of two racquetball courts. One was not being used because of a faulty door.

Two racquetball courts remain open. Aerobic exercise classes will be sharing the racquetball courts on a limited basis until the basketball season is over. "When the season is over, the aerobics classes

will move back into the gym," said John Bobalik, Exercise Physiologist.

"We felt that two racquetball courts would serve us just as well as three and we could get more out of the one not in use," Friend stated. "When you compare the number of students that can use a weight room at one time against the number of students that would be in a racquetball court, there is no comparison."

The location of the new weight room was another question that needed to be answered. "Originally we were going to put it in some of these classrooms in the building, but the University needs the classrooms for the next few years because enrollment is staying high," said Friend.

The new weight room is now open with more than just weights. "There are a combination of machines, free weights and dumbbells. There are also two or three real nice machines that are still on order yet," said Friend.

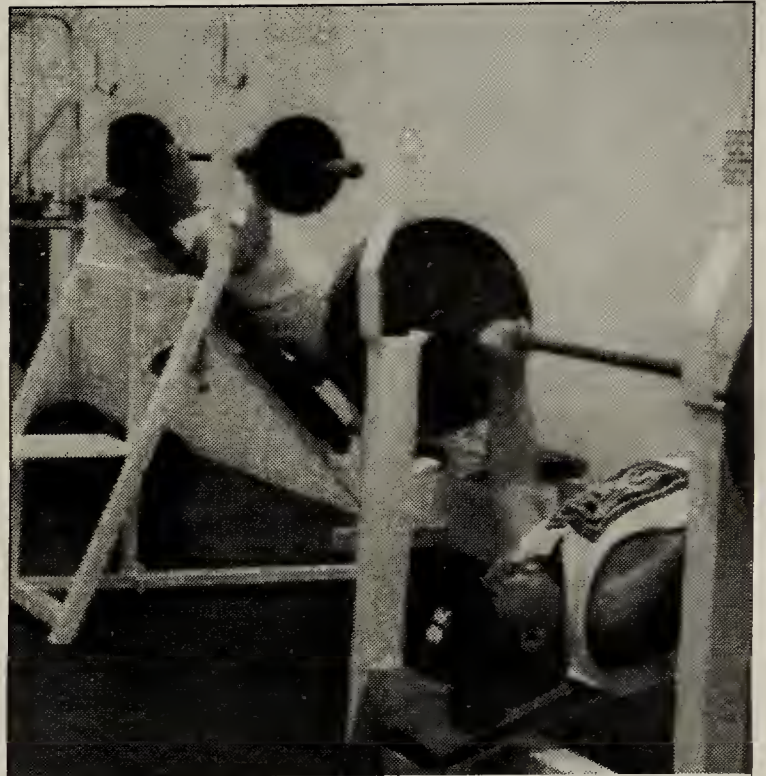
To go along with the new weight room, there are also

changes in the office structure in the Physical Education building. The old weight room will become the Athletic Administrative Office for the Athletic Department. The old Athletic Administrative Office will now become the office of the Business Administrator of Student Services and the former office of the Business Administrator of Student Services will become the University's Wellness Office.

"The Wellness Office is where students can come and talk about exercise, talk about nutrition, get materials on a health screening... Wellness is really a term of the future as well as the present."

Those credited with helping the new weight room become a reality are Vice Chancellors Bryant and Newsome. "These gentlemen saw a merit on the idea and allocated the funds to go through with it," said Friend.

Funds from the project came from a renovation fund that the school receives every year. The now open weight room in the PUC Total Fitness Center is available for use by all members of the center.



Photograph by Sean Kingston

Two members of the Total Fitness Center utilize the free weights in the new weight room. The weight room occupies the space formerly used for two racquetball courts.

Snow shuts down PUC

CHRISTOPHER KOSOVICH
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Weather was the cause of another chaotic first week of classes at Purdue University Calumet.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, the electronic message board on the front of the Student Faculty Library Center beamed a bright message that notified students that classes were suspended as of 4 p.m.

However, students taking evening classes continued to arrive on campus unaware of the class cancellation.

Some students were aggravated when they found out classes had been canceled. Those students who came from long distances in the treacherous weather had to turn around and face the elements once again.

Although all classes were suspended, buildings and offices remained open for the remainder of the day.

Classes were again canceled on Thursday, Jan. 16. Students reporting for school early in the morning were notified of the closing upon arrival. All classes and offices were

closed due to the weather forecast.

According to Wes Lukoshus of University Relations, the forecast was for blowing and drifting snow. Due to the large number of students and faculty members traveling long distances to get to school, the decision was made to cancel classes.

The decision to cancel classes is made by the chancellor and vice chancellor of administrative services. They receive feedback from different sources such as physical facilities.

Taken into consideration for closing the school are factors such as how long the weather will stay, if the weather will continue to deteriorate, and the ability to keep the parking lots clear by physical facilities.

Lukoshus suggests for students to again, in the future, stay tuned to their local radio stations for notification of the school closing.

"The decision (to cancel classes on Thursday) was made after 6 a.m. We need to make the decision earlier," said Lukoshus. The university is working on ways to notify students earlier in the future.

Welcome to Winter Wonderland



Photograph by Scott Thompson

As the snow to fell, maintenance workers continued to plow the snow-covered parking lots.



Photograph by Christopher Kosovich

Freshmen Robert McGaffney and Melissa Powell brave the cold to buy their books.

Final exams cause scheduling headaches

SHARON STEWART
Staff writer

Final Exams, possibly two of the most dreaded words in a student's vocabulary. During a recent phone conversation, Gayle Dortch of scheduling, explained the basics of how the exam schedule is assembled.

The final exam schedules are made up one semester prior to the current semester. The tentative schedule can be found in the course catalog. Dortch makes the schedule using input from previous exam schedules.

She also uses sample class schedules that would be typical of students at freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior status to help ensure the students are not faced with having more than three exams per day.

"Students should not be inconvenienced by exam schedules," said Dortch. The English proficiency test has a priority of being held on the Monday of Exam Week in the 10:30-12:30 p.m. time slot. The other

classes are balanced in the remaining time slots.

However, Spanish is now giving a group exam which they did for the first time last semester. This may have contributed to some of the schedules conflicts, because it was done later after the exam schedule was set.

Dortch also suggests that conflicts may occur when professors deviate from the exam schedule for whatever reason. Dortch says, "the professors should be working with the students to ensure as little negative impact as possible, as well as scheduling."

Upon completion of the phone inquiry Dortch stated, "We are here to serve the students. We are always concerned with the impact of the exam schedule." She further states, "we have received very little response from the students relating to the exam schedules."

Dortch invites input and can be reached by Email at Dortchgs@axp.calumet.purdue.edu.

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ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Tuition \$\$\$ do not fund our building

Our Dec. 9 Administration Update about the start of construction on the \$15.4 million Classroom Office Building prompted some interesting—and concerned—inquiries from students about whether their tuition and fees would be increased to pay for the facility.

The answer is NO!

State guarantees building cost

Funding for major construction projects at public institutions such as our university is guaranteed by the state.

The approval the Indiana General Assembly granted us to construct our Classroom Office Building was actually an OK for Purdue University to sell capital improvement bonds to generate the facility's \$15.4 million pricetag.

The state of Indiana assumes responsibility for the entire debt service associated with the bonds. So the cost of paying back the bonds becomes part of the budgetary allocation the state makes to our campus.

In funding construction projects this way, the state essentially is saying to its public universities: We'll guarantee the cost of such construction projects, so do not raise tuition and fees for that purpose.

Be cautious...defensive...alert!

We also reported last fall, but it bears repeating, the need for extra caution to be exercised by motorists and pedestrians alike while negotiating construction-altered traffic flow in and around the north end of campus.

The change in traffic flow means, among other things:

- the need to drive more slowly—in the lots and on adjacent streets,
- more students are walking farther distances to reach their vehicles—which ultimately means more pedestrians to look out for in the parking lots,
- more vehicles using the 225-space Porter lot on the northeast side of campus, resulting in more traffic on adjacent Wicker Avenue south of 169th Street. Given the many youngsters who reside on Wicker and, for that matter, in the neighborhood all around our campus, driving responsibly is absolutely essential.

Being cautious, defensive and alert are three good ways to stay safe. It's a plan being enforced by our stepped-up campus patrolling presence. We're all in this together.



Briefs at a glance

Blueberry Blitz CC Ski Race

The Lake County Parks and Recreation Department will host the annual Blueberry Blitz 5k Cross Country Ski Race on Saturday, Feb. 1 at Lemon Lake County Park in Crown Point. If snow conditions are not favorable on the 1st the race will be held on either the Feb. 8, 15, or 22, depending on snow conditions.

Pre-registration fee is \$5.00 and can be done at the Lake County Government Complex (3rd floor) in Crown Point through Jan. 29. Day of race registration fee is \$7.00.

Race registration is from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. with a 10 a.m. starting time. All skiers will begin in waves on a first come basis.

The race is for traditional style skiers only, skating is not allowed. For further information, a registration form, or snow condition update, please call 769-PARK, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chronicle meeting

Staff meeting Tues. Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m. and Wed. Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. in C-344H. Everyone invited! Refreshments will be served.

Ski for free at Stoney Run

Staff will be at Stoney Run County Park each Saturday in Jan. from noon until 3 p.m. conducting informal ski lessons. These lessons consist of proper fit, methods, getting back to your feet after you fall, and a few other items to help you get going. These informal lessons last about 15 minutes and there is no fee. You must either rent ours or provide your own equipment. Call the park site in advance to check on ski conditions. Stoney Run's phone number is 219-996-6500. Note: If there is inadequate snow the programs will be cancelled.

Interpersonal Issues Group forms

An interpersonal issues group is forming in the counseling center, Gyte 5. The group is designed to promote personal growth through sharing of our common issues. Emphasis will be on relationships, communication and self-esteem. The number of participants will be limited. The group is open to students and staff and is free of charge. We will meet in Gyte 5 on Mondays beginning Feb. 3 from 12 to 2 p.m.. Contact the counseling center, 989-2366 to secure your place today.

Career Corner

The Office of Career Development and Placement, located in the Library Building, Room C-349 wishes everyone a happy new year!

Campus Recruiting is now underway at Purdue Calumet Career Development and Placement. All interested students should contact the CD&P Office, Room C-349 or call 989-2419. Here's a list of just a few companies.

U.S. Air Force
January 22 - C-Building Concourse

Wendy's International
January 23 - C-Building Concourse

Amoco
Amoco is looking for people with a degree in Restaurant and Hotel Management to manage their several new gas stations! If you are interested, fax your resume to Lynn Berger, Marketing Recruitment Manager, Amoco Corporation (312) 856-2367

NIPSCO
NIPSCO Industries Inc. has opportunities for Electrical or Mechanical Engineering Majors working with marketing personnel performing energy audits for industrial and commercial customers. For further information, come to the Career Development and Placement Office, C-349.

Arby's
Full- and part-time positions are now available at NW Indiana and Chicagoland locations. Management positions are available to those who qualify. Contact your nearest Arby's for details.

Attention Job Hunters!
The best-selling job-hunting book has been updated! The 1997 What Color is Your Parachute? by Richard Nelson Bolles is now available. It is a great resource guide and has many helpful tips for those searching for a job!

Quote of the week

'If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live

- Martin Luther King Jr.

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Disrespect plagues society

Commentary by Scott Thompson
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Over the last few years, I have noticed an unsettling trend. A large majority of the population has forgotten how to behave in public. Etiquette has been completely eradicated from every public place. No longer can one go to the mall, the movies, or even to class without being rudely disturbed by someone lacking manners.

I first noticed this crisis while watching a movie at a local movie theater. It is proper movie behavior to sit through the entire movie, including the credits. There are hundreds of people that work extremely hard to create a movie; the majority of which never have any screen time. The only way to acknowledge their effort is through the credits. Now, I can understand that one might not want to wait the entire length of the credits just to see who held Tom Cruise's jacket while he was in the bathroom. However, the audiences at the last few movies I have seen have not even let the movie fully end before they are getting up and fighting their way to isle while the last few moments of the movie is running. For those of us that actually care about the credits, this behavior makes it extremely difficult to see the screen.

This problem is minor in comparison to the manners people display at Southlake Mall. In America, all traffic, whether it is on the highway or the sidewalk, is instructed to stay to the right of the pathway and to pull to the side if they plan to stop. At Southlake Mall however, there must be a brain check closet that I have missed. People wander aimlessly down the left side of the hall, frequently stopping to gawk at imaginary displays. These people apparently have my picture posted somewhere because they always stop and stare right in front of me as I am getting off the escalator. Under normal conditions, I would step around the person and mutter something under my breath. On an escalator though, there is no way to avoid running over the person.

There is one final problem that outweighs all the others combined. Students have for some reason lost all respect for the professors at this university. I know that it is not merely because this is a commuter campus because I transferred from Texas A&M University and the same dilemma existed. As I sat in my art appreciation class last Tuesday, I noticed that the rest of the class had decided class was over. This was evident by all the rustling of coats and zipping of backpacks. The professor noticed the noise and mentioned that there was enough time left in the period to finish his thought, a student then muttered, "no there isn't."

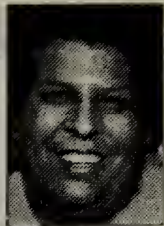
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Commentary by Scott Gonzales

The check is really in the mail

New operating procedures in Bursar's office



The Bursar's Office have been a constant source of pain and frustration for me as well as many other students. Every semester there are the incredibly long lines that lead to the only one or two open windows. When you do get to the window, you find out that you have forgotten some form or some identification to process your business with them.

You then have to go back to the end of that ridiculous line. Let's face it, sometimes a visit to the Bursar's Office is equivalent to getting a root canal without the Novocain.

But for the 11,000 student who receive Stafford Loans, dealing with the Bursar's Office was only worse. Getting a Stafford Loan consisted of filling out a form at Financial Aid, and waiting two months to get it approved. This is all well and good, until you get to the next step.

The final step consists of calling the Bursar's Office to see if the loan check was received. For some students this went on for three or four weeks of constant calling. The office would say it would be there on a certain date and it wasn't there until two or three weeks later. You got tired of calling and the people at Bursar's got tired of hearing from you. It was frustrating, very frustrating.

It's frustrating because of the

reason some students use the monies from a Stafford Loan. Many students work low paying, full or part-time jobs while going to school, yet their bills are still coming in and need to be paid. A Stafford Loan helps students catch up on their bills, so they can keep the flexible job which they have and still get an education.

Brandy Peterson, who works at the Financial Aid office, informed me that "many students use the loans for child-care, books, and other things like cars to get back and forth to school."

Another reason to get a Stafford Loan is to get much needed supplies for school; such as a computer, books, or drafting tables for use at home.

In this day and age when the household has become just as much a workplace as any office. It's nice to get some if not all your work done in the comfort of your home. The necessity for a loan can be varied and much needed, in spite of the uneducated rantings of cynics who claim students are getting enough handouts these days.

But this semester the Bursar has started something different. They are now directing the checks right to the person's home, opting to mail these checks instead of making students play the waiting game.

When I first heard of this I shuddered with even more dread know-

ing how reliable the post office can be, especially during the holidays. I knew I would never see that check till way into 1997, maybe by the spring thaw at best, but I was pleasantly surprised.

I went in to apply my aid and checked on my loan during the semester break and was told that my check would be received during the week of Jan. 6. Probably on Jan. 8 the teller told me.

I looked at her in disbelief. She just smiled back. I took her at her word and lo and behold found my loan check in the mail box on, you guessed it, Jan. 8. My mouth dropped.

"We found that this change is getting very good feedback and helping many students with their needs," said Rose Most, Bursar of PUC.

"We found that other universities were using this method and we adopted it also. I've heard many good things and great reaction to it, with only a few setbacks with students who failed to change addresses when they moved and never notified us. But on the whole, it's worked out just great."

It was a nice and much needed change which occurred over the semester break. The mailing of checks was pure genius on the part of the Bursar. Now if they can just do something about those long payment lines...

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Don't cry for Madonna in 'Evita'

SUMMER CORONADO
Staff Writer

More than forty years after the death of Eva Peron, her story, which has been told theatrically for more than twenty years has finally been captured on film.

"Evita," created by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber tells the life story of Eva Maria Ibarguren Duarte, the illegitimate daughter of a middle class ranch owner and his mistress. After an emotionally traumatizing childhood, Eva left her home in Junin, Argentina to Buenos-Aires, the country's capitol in the company of Augustin Magaldi, a famous tango singer. Within the next few years in Buenos-Aires Eva had made a foundation for herself as a radio personality and a film actress. In 1944 her social appearances would lead her to cross

paths with Colonel Juan Peron, a very well liked leader on his way to the top due to his extensive work to help earthquake victims.

After Peron's arrest, due to political opposition, the country demanded his release. Eva was instrumental in organizing marches and rallies in support for the man that she would eventually marry. Not more than a year after their marriage, Juan Peron was elected Argentina's next president. To this day he is still considered one of Argentina's most respected leaders. Eva herself also became a very respected, loved, and adored woman in the eyes of the common people in her country. She founded the The Peronist Women's Party and the Eva Peron Foundation. Both groups focused on the nations poor and women's political rights

and issues. Due to failing health and stiff military opposition, Eva declined to assume political office next to her husband as vice-president. After a treacherous battle with cancer, Eva passed away on July 26, 1952 at the tender age of 33. With nearly 4 million Argentines paying their last respects to Eva, it is no surprise that within two years of Eva's death, the Vatican had received more than 40,000 letters requesting Eva Peron's canonization as a saint.

Twenty years after her death, an inspired pair, Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, created the musical masterpiece "Evita." The first production of "Evita" opened on June 21, 1978 at the Prince Edward Theatre in London. Since then, "Evita" has been performed more than five-

thousand times on various stages around the world. Also, "Evita" has won both the New York Critics Drama Circle award for Best Musical and a 1980 Grammy for best Cast Show Album along with seven Tonys. The film "Evita," directed by Alan Parker, starring Madonna as Eva Peron, Jonathan Pryce as Juan Peron, and Antonio Banderas as Che (the narrator), is definitely a five star must see picture!

Antonio Banderas gives the film continuity and a realistic view of the average common person in the midst of an emotionally chaotic time period. Jonathan Pryce is best known for his Tony award winning performance of the "Engineer" in London's "Miss Saigon" and is simply amazing! In "Evita" Pryce portrays a man with an enormous amount of

power, love, passion, and especially respect for his wife Eva.

Madonna, an amazing woman herself, is definitely the best person for the role of "Eva." Madonna herself has had to climb a great deal of mountains in order to gain the respect and love from her fans that she so much deserves.

The differences between "Eva Peron" and other roles that Madonna has played are numerous. Take for example, Madonna's role in "Body of Evidence" where she played a sexy, money-hungry gold digger.

In "Evita" she gives an excellent portrayal of "Eva" as a young, spirited, headstrong woman trying to make her way to the top. The performance quality given by the entire cast of "Evita" is outstanding!

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